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An English language Abstract, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Patent No: 5-194915, and this publication also relates to a pressure-sensitive adhesive tape. This publication discloses a base material comprising a polyolefin resin and an inorganic flame retardant. However, this publication neither describes nor suggests that the base material bears on the other side of thereof than a side having formed a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer at least one of a character and a design constituted of a structure comprising recesses, protrusions or both of them united to the base material at all.

An English language abstract, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Patent No: 5-47249, and this publication also relates to a pressure sensitive adhesive tape. This publication discloses a polyolefin resin and an inorganic flame retardant. However this publication neither describes nor suggests that the base on the other side of thereof that a character and a design constituted of a structure comprising recesses, protrusions of both of them united to the base material at all.

An English language abstract, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Patent No: 5-345881 and this publication also relates to a pressure-sensitive adhesive tape. This publication discloses a polyolefin resin and an inorganic flame retardant. However, this publication neither describes nor suggests that the base material

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bears on the other side of thereof than a side having formed a pressure-sensitive adhesive

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